

PEFC Weekly Family & Small Group Study Guide

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Paynesville Evangelical Free Church
Walking With Jesus
Be Ready
Luke 12:35-48



Big Idea

Walking With Jesus Being Ready For His Return By Faithfully Serving Others!

1. It will be good for you if you are ready and watching for Christ's return.
2. To those who have been given much, much is demanded.
3. The faithless and non-believers will suffer greatly at Christ's return.

Introduction

Describe a time when you have waited in great expectation for something or someone. How did you prepare? How did you react when it/they arrived? Were your expectations met? Why or why not?

Bible Study Questions

Have someone read Luke 12:35-48

In verses 35-40 Jesus uses two illustrations (35-38 and 39-49) to teach his disciples that they need to be watchful and ready. What is Jesus pointing toward that the disciples need to be ready for (hint: note Revelation 16:15)? Why might Jesus be telling this to his disciples at this time?

How might the disciples have been “*dressed ready for service and lamps burning*” as they anticipated Christ's return? What might this look like for us today?

“*It will be good*” (vs 37 & 38) literally means blessings. What blessings (both now and in the future) might Jesus disciples experience by being ready for Christ’s return? How about Jesus’ disciples in the 21st century? How might the possibility of the master returning in the “*middle of the night*” or “*toward daylight*” (vs 38) impact how we prepare for his return?

Why is it important for a homeowner to anticipate a thief who might break in? What steps might he take to prepare? What does verses 39-40 tell us about how many people view Christ’s return? What warning should we take from this?

What kind of servant is the master looking for to put in charge of his household (vs 42)? What might this look like today?

What blessings (“*good for that servant*” vs 43) might the servant experience? What practically might this look like in a disciples’ life?

What danger does Jesus warn his disciples of in verse 45? What kind of attitude puts a servant in danger of this (vs 45 & 46)? Do you think Jesus is too severe (vs 46)? Why or why not?

How would you apply verse 48b to your life today? Should this give us pause in 21st century America? Why or Why not?

Next Steps

Write out three things that you might do (or change) if you knew Jesus was coming back tomorrow.

Identify a way you can disciple a person Christ has put in your life.

Think of something that you have been given “much” and specifically use it for Christ’s kingdom this week.

Prayer

Pray with anticipation of Jesus coming back soon (think about how this might affect how you pray for every day needs and concerns). Share life needs within your group and pray for one another. Remember that prayer requests need to remain confidential and not be repeated outside your group without permission.